California Jobs First Community of Practice

Thursday, October 26, 2023
# Agenda Overview

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California's approach to building an inclusive and resilient economy for all, good-paying jobs, and prosperous communities.

1. Partnership with CA Jobs Regions
2. Encompasses broad portfolio of investments across LWDA, GO-Biz, and OPR
What This Means

• Strengthened commitment to program objectives: equity, climate, job quality and access, economic competitiveness, economic resilience

• Continued engagement in systems-change work centering disinvested communities

Next Steps:

● Brand Guide, including regionally informed communications toolkit

● Full rollout early 2024
Questions, Feedback, Ideas?
California Jobs First Project Readiness
Project Readiness Stages

- Exploratory
- Last-mile
- Ready-to-go

Project development towards readiness

Catalyst Predevelopment Phase projects

Implementation Phase projects
Project Readiness Stages

• 'Exploratory' projects
  • early stages of development
  • may be just an idea or a back-of-the-envelope plan
  • may need dedicated funding to study and develop into potential projects

• 'Last-mile' projects
  • completed feasibility assessments (if applicable)
  • feasible/viable projects to achieve their stated objectives
  • undergone initial steps towards development and must clear a few additional hurdles

• 'Ready-to-go' projects
  • have completed all necessary and possible steps to be ready for implementation upon receiving funding
  • for construction projects = 'shovel-ready'
Project Readiness Requirements

At any stage of readiness, projects receiving California Jobs First funding will need:

• Project overview, with objectives, scope, workplan with timeline, and budget
• Identified service or benefits recipients
• Project sponsor
• Project team (internal staff and external partners)
• Community partnerships
• Potential risks to project’s implementation or delivery of successful outcomes
• Approval by California Jobs First Regional Collaborative (formerly HRTC)
• Explicit alignment with California Jobs First Regional Plans
• Clear explanation of what grantee will deliver by end of grant, and clear explanation of what project success looks like and how success will be measured
• Be able to be completed within the expenditure deadline of September 2026, or have phases that are able to be completed within this timeframe
Exploratory projects

Only require base-level criteria (from previous slide)
Last-mile projects

• Completed feasibility study if applicable
• Some necessary plans or studies completed such as but not limited to: needs assessment, business plan, environmental assessment, site plan, preliminary engineering report, management plan, community outreach and engagement plan, or other plan or study necessary for the success of the project
• Potential funding sources identified
Ready-to-go projects

• All necessary and possible plans or studies completed. The required plans or studies will depend in part on whether the project is a capital (construction) project or not

• Additional funding sources secured or soon-to-be secured (if applicable)
Ready-to-go construction projects

• Construction projects must include the following:
  • Proof of site control
  • Preliminary permitting and approvals
  • Additional criteria as defined by the Interagency Team (anticipated release date in early 2024)
Project Readiness Next Steps

- Share slides and accompanying document
- Early 2024: more guidance coming
- Readiness contractor
Project Readiness

Questions?